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**Memorandum to:** Directors of Education

**From:** Didem Proulx  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Capital and Business Support Division

**Subject:** 2021 Election Deadline Extension for Certain Student  
Trustees

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I am writing to inform you of a temporary extension to the election deadline for certain student trustees in Spring 2021. We recognize how challenging the 2020-21 school year has been and seek to increase operational flexibility for boards wherever possible.

Through regulatory amendments, the deadline for the election of student trustees serving one-year terms has been extended from the last day of February to April 30, 2021. This aligns with the deadline for the election of student trustees serving two-year terms. This temporary change will only affect student trustee elections taking place during 2021.

We encourage boards to hold elections for student trustees serving one-year terms as soon as feasible to allow incoming student trustees the maximum amount of time to learn from the outgoing trustee(s) and to prepare to assume office on August 1, 2021.

For more information on the amendments to O. Reg. 7/07 (Student Trustees) under the *Education Act*, please refer directly to the [Ontario e-Laws website](#).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to education in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Didem Proulx  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
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